

OBITUARIES

SIR ARTHUR W. M. ELLIS, O.B.E., LL.D., M.B., F.R.C.P., Emeritus Professor of Medicine of the University of Oxford, died in London on May 20, 1966, at the age of 83.

Born in Toronto in 1883, he was a son of William Hodgson Ellis, M.B., LL.D., Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science of the University of Toronto.* He was educated at Upper Canada College and was awarded the degree of M.B. by the University of Toronto in 1908. After postgraduate work in pathological chemistry in Toronto he was appointed a demonstrator in pathology on the staff of Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. From 1911 to 1914 he was assistant resident physician at the hospital of the Rockefeller Institute in New York City. At the outbreak of World War I he joined the Canadian Army Medical Corps and served in England and with the British Expeditionary Force in France. At the time of his retirement he was assistant adviser in pathology with the 4th Army. Four times mentioned in dispatches, he was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

In 1924 Dr. Ellis was appointed Professor of Medicine in the University of London and director of the medical unit at the London Hospital, both of which posts he held until 1943.

During World War II he served as an adviser in medicine to the Ministry of Health and director of research in industrial medicine for the Medical Research Council.

From 1943 until his retirement in 1948 he was Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford University. The only other Canadian ever to hold this appointment was Sir William Osler.

In 1941 he delivered the Croonian lecture on the natural history of Bright's disease. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on Dr. Ellis by the University of Toronto in 1944. He was awarded the Moxon Medal of the Royal College of Physicians in 1951 in recognition of his distinguished contribution to the knowledge of diseases of the kidney, and he was knighted in 1953.

In 1922 he was married to Winifred Foot Mitchell, who died in 1963. One son survives.

DR. GEORGE E. M. HILTON, 66, died suddenly at his home in Vancouver on April 12, 1966.

A 1925 graduate of the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University, Dr. Hilton had practised in Montreal for several years before establishing a practice in Vancouver in 1946. His specialty was otolaryngology and he had been a member of the staff of the Vancouver General Hospital until the time of his death. He was a member of the B.C. Division of The Canadian Medical Association.

He is survived by his widow, Jeanette, his mother, Mrs. George Hilton of Vancouver and a sister, the wife of Dr. D. B. Code of Brockville, Ontario. His brother, Dr. James Hilton, is Chief of the Department of Medicine, Ottawa Civic Hospital, and Associate Secretary-Treasurer of The Canadian Medical Protective Association.

*For an account of Dr. William Hodgson Ellis's career, see *Men and Books*, *Canad. Med. Ass. J.*, 94: 1278, 1966.

DR. J. ALBERT LEMAY, 74, died in Ottawa on April 29, 1966.

He graduated in medicine from McGill University in 1918, interned at the Ottawa General Hospital and, after a period of postgraduate study in New York, returned to Ottawa to practise the specialty of obstetrics. For almost 50 years he was on the active and consulting staff of the Ottawa General Hospital, where he was fondly referred to as "Mon Oncle" by the nursing staff.

Dr. LeMay was a member of the Ontario Medical Association and The Canadian Medical Association.

He leaves his widow, two daughters and two sons, Dr. Lois LeMay of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Dr. Pierre LeMay of Ottawa.

SURGEON COMMANDER RALPH F. PLUMER, 49, former deputy regional supervisor of Atlantic Command, died at Lancaster, New Brunswick, on May 11, 1966.

A native of Hartland, N.B., he graduated from Dalhousie University in 1941 with the degree of M.D., C.M. and, after a short period of general practice in Glace Bay, N.S., joined the R.C.N.V.R. as a medical officer. During 1946 and 1947 he was resident physician with the Department of Veterans Affairs at Point Edward, N.S., and after transferring to the R.C.N. the following year he held the post of principal medical officer at Cornwallis Naval Base until 1953. His last ship appointment was that of principal medical officer on the H.M.C.S. "Bonaventure" before accepting the post of deputy regional supervisor of Atlantic Command in Halifax. On his retirement from the Navy on April 30, 1966, he immediately became Director of the Out-patient Department of the D.V.A. Hospital in Lancaster. While with the Navy he had carried out specialized study in dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine in Philadelphia.

He is survived by his widow, one son, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin F. Plumer.

E. A. PASK, O.B.E., M.D., F.F.A.R.C.S.

His many friends in Canada will be sad to learn of the death of Dr. E. A. Pask, Professor of Anesthetics, University of Newcastle, on May 30 at the age of 53. His Canadian friends may be broadly classified as the anesthetists who are well aware of his contributions to the field, his contacts at the Montreal Neurological Institute where he spent six months in 1948, and the medical officers of the R.C.A.F. who took a course at the R.A.F. Physiological Laboratory, Farnborough, during World War II. Each of these groups recognized in Pask a man of brilliant attainments, considerable personal bravery and great ingenuity in bringing to difficult tasks a practical solution. All these qualities were evident when he undertook to provide improved floatation equipment for ditched airmen and seamen and risked drowning on many occasions when he acted as the test subject. His postwar career as a leader in British anesthesiology has been outstanding. Based on a thorough grounding in physiology, his encyclopedic knowledge was combined with a kindly personality which endeared him to students and colleagues alike.

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